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which is affixed to a disc 36 of the mechanism 7 by a crank pin 34. The axis of the crank pin 34 is parallel to the axis 40 of the output member 37 of the crank mechanism 7. The axis 40 is parallel to the axis of the crank pin 34 and the latter orbits about the axis 40 when the crank mechanism 7 is on, namely when the prime mover 38 (e.g., an electric motor) drives the disc 36 by way of an endless flexible element (e.g. a V-belt) 46. The disc 36 can include a pulley or sheave 50 for the V-belt 46.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 1-9 and amend claim 10.

10. (Amended) Apparatus for subdividing at least one running rod into sections of predetermined length, comprising:

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an unbalanced drive including an output member rotatable about a first axis;  
a mobile ledger for the at least one rod, said ledger being reciprocal back and forth in and counter to a predetermined direction and receiving motion from said output member; and  
an arrangement for compensating for the lack of balance of said drive, including  
a first counterpoise arranged to orbit about said first axis, and  
a second counterpoise arranged to orbit about a second axis in synchronism with said first counterpoise, said second axis being spaced apart from said first axis.

A4 29. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said drive has a single crank member.